

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3263

Introduced 2/19/2016, by Sen. Wm. Sam McCann

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

525 ILCS 10/3

from Ch. 5, par. 933

Amends the Illinois Exotic Weed Act. Provides that The Director of Natural Resources shall, as needed, report to the Governor and the General Assembly on changes to be made to this Section, both to remove plants that the Director has determined by rule not to be exotic weeds, and to add exotic weeds to the list contained in this Section.

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AN ACT concerning conservation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Exotic Weed Act is amended by 5 changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 5, par. 933)

7 Sec. 3. Designated exotic weeds. Japanese honeysuckle 8 (Lonicera japonica), multiflora rose (Rosa multiflora), purple 9 loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria), common buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica), glossy buckthorn (Rhamnus frangula), saw-toothed 10 arguta), dahurian buckthorn (Rhamnus 11 buckthorn (Rhamnus 12 davurica), Japanese buckthorn (Rhamnus japonica), Chinese buckthorn (Rhamnus utilis), kudzu (Pueraria lobata), exotic 13 14 bush honeysuckles (Lonicera maackii, Lonicera tatarica, Lonicera morrowii, and Lonicera fragrantissima), exotic olives 15 16 umbellata, Elaeagnus pungens, (Elaeagnus Elaeagnus 17 angustifolia), salt cedar (all members of the Tamarix genus), poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), giant hogweed (Heracleum 18 19 mantegazzianum), Oriental bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus), and lesser celandine (Ficaria verna), teasel (all members of 20 21 the Dipsacus genus), and Japanese, giant, and Bohemian knotweed 22 (Fallopia japonica, syn. Polygonum cuspidatum; Fallopia sachalinensis; and Fallopia x bohemica, resp.) are hereby 23

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1 designated exotic weeds. Upon petition the Director of Natural Resources, by rule, shall exempt varieties of any species 2 3 listed in this Act that can be demonstrated by published or current research not to be an exotic weed as defined in Section 4 5 2. The Director of Natural Resources shall, as needed, report 6 to the Governor and the General Assembly on changes to be made to this Section, both to remove plants that the Director has 7 determined by rule not to be exotic weeds, and to add exotic 8 9 weeds to the list contained in this Section.

10 (Source: P.A. 99-81, eff. 1-1-16.)